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POLICY DISCUSSIONS

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SUMMARY: THE UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB)
CONTINUED ITS WEEK LONG SESSIONS, SHIFTING FROM ORGANIZATIONAL
PROBLEMS TO POLICY QUESTIONS. THIS REPORT BASED UPON PRESS
ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY

1. UPEB COMPLETED THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE OF ITS FIRST
PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING. THE ORGANIZATION NOW SHIFTS ATTENTION
TO ITS POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH A CORPORATION
TO MARKET BANANAS WHICH WILL BE CAPITALIZED BY MEMBER
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COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THE COUNCIL WILL ESTABLISH A WORK PLAN

TO DEAL WITH COMMON POLICY IN THE MARKETING OF BANANAS, PROJECTS OF BANANA GROWING TECHNOLOGY AND A SYSTEM OF STATISTICS AMONG MEMBERS RELATED TO BANANA PRODUCTION AND SALE. FINALLY, THE ORGANIZATION WILL STUDY A DOCUMENT WHICH IT WILL PRESENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING BANANA PROBLEMS AND THE NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH A GLOBAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO BANANAS. APART FROM THE ABOVE AGENDA SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE HAVE GIVEN VIEWS TO THE PRESS.

2. FOR THE MEETINGS COMMENCING 5 FEBRUARY THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY OF COSTA RICA, PANAMA AND HONDURAS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. ECUADOR HAS SENT AN OBSERVER, JULIO CORREA PAREDES. HE IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS STATING THAT ECUADOR CONCURS WITH THE BASIC IDEA OF UPEB, THAT IS TO APPROACH IN A COMMON FRONT THE SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO FIND VALID SOLUTIONS. ECUADOR VIEWS WITH SYMPATHY THE ORGANIZATION AND HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY THAT ECUADOR MAY JOIN. THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING COULD MERIT A NEW EXAMINATION BY ECUADOR. "FUNDAMENTALLY," HE IS QUOTED, "WE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE IN BANANAS WHICH INCLUDES THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES WITH AN EXPORTABLE BASIC SUPPLY OVER THE PAST AVERAGES, REMUNERATIVE PRICES AND A DYNAMIC DEMAND THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION TRADITIONAL SUPPLIERS." CONCERNING THE PROPOSED UPEB MARKETING COMPANY, HE STATED THAT ECUADOR WILL NEED TO TAKE SUCH AN ORGANIZATION INTO ACCOUNT JUST AS THAT ORGANIZATION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEREST OF ECUADOR.

3. THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATE, JOAQUIN DE POMBO, STATED TO THE PRESS THAT CONSENSUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE FOR ALL OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND COLOMBIA. HE DID NOT WITH TO COMMENT ON THE TYPE OF AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY DEVELOP AND DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT CONCERNING THE POLICY OF ECUADOR.

4. THE COUNCIL HAS UNDER DISCUSSION THE POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING A COORDINATED POSITION TO BE CARRIED TO THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS OF GATT. FOLLOWING UPON WORK COMMENCED IN ABIJAN IN MAY 1975, A COMMISSION HAS BEEN FORMED BY COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS AND UNCTAD TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COULD BE UTILIZED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. ECUADOR IS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION. THE IMPLICATIONS
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OF THE LOME AGREEMENT ARE ALSO UNDER DISCUSSIONS.

5. THE UPEB MEETINGS ARE TO CONTINUE THROUGH FEBRUARY 7.
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